

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR
OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR "SOUTHERN PROGRESS
EDITION", AMERICAN WOOL & COTTON REPORTER,
PREPARED NOVEMBER 8, 1949.

Here in South Carolina we are exceedingly proud of our great and growing textile industry, which has made almost unbelievable progress in recent years.

During 1948, South Carolina increased its position as the dominant cotton textile state, with 28.39 per cent of the nation's active spindle hours. In active spindle hours per spindle in place, which is a still better index of mill activity, South Carolina had an even greater lead in 1948, with 6,150 active hours per spindle. This record was 20 per cent greater than the nation average.

This splendid achievement is a tribute to the skill and productivity of the people of South Carolina, for it is the people employed who are the key to high production in any industry.

The figures for 1948 also show the results of modernization of many of the mills in our State, brought about by the belief and faith of management that South Carolina offers unexcelled opportunities to industry.

South Carolina's progress in industry as a whole is demonstrated by the fact that \$230,000,000 in new or expanded industry was announced, under construction, or placed in operation in the State during 1948. This great development indicates that industrial management is growing aware of the vast opportunities offered by South Carolina and the other Southern states.

#####